

Request for Proposals for Research Related to the NCLEX®

Guidelines for Proposal Submission to the Joint Research Committee (JRC)

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Program Description

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and Pearson VUE Joint Research Committee (JRC) invites proposals for research related to the NCLEX examination program. The JRC develops a research agenda to directly benefit the NCLEX examination program and facilitate the execution of that research. To this end, the JRC solicits and reviews research proposals that address this type of research. Of these proposals, those with the most direct benefit are funded. The JRC does not provide funding for research that is only tangentially related to NCLEX or is primarily about nursing or education issues.

JRC Background

The JRC is a committee composed of NCSBN staff, staff from our contracted testing service (Pearson-VUE) and selected external researchers. The committee was formed to encourage research that supports

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Funding Guidelines

Project Categories

The JRC provides various levels of funding dependant on the complexity of the request and the research design.

Allowable Funding

The JRC may reimburse expenses directly related to conducting the project. Examples of these expenses include: researcher's time, consultant's time, graduate student's salary (if it is part of a graduate assistantship the cost of some benefits can be included, such as, health-care insurance, etc.), project-related travel, equipment and software, etc. Equipment and software purchased with JRC funds become the property of NCSBN, unless otherwise negotiated.

The JRC may not reimburse expenses that are not directly related to conducting the project. Indirect costs or other overhead charges are examples of non-reimbursable expenses. (If you are uncertain whether an expense is reimbursable, please contact NCSBN's Associate Director of NCLEX Examinations).

Award Terms & Conditions

All research conducted and reports provided become the exclusive property of NCSBN. In alignment with NCSBN's corporate values, this research program will support collaboration through the selective dissemination of research results to the external scholarly community. While researchers will be encouraged to submit their research for publication, they must first obtain specific, written permission for each presentation or publication they wish to submit.

Confidentiality Requirements

Before researchers are granted access to NCSBN data, they must agree in writing that they will neither release nor publish the data or results of research based upon that data without the permission of NCSBN. A signed Confidentiality Agreement must be submitted upon receipt of a letter from NCSBN.

Timeline Requirements

Proposal acceptance includes agreement on a specified timeline and schedule of deliverables. Researchers will be asked to present a progress report every six months at the JRC meetings.

If the original project completion date is exceeded, researchers must apply for a re-authorization to continue. This application will be negotiated with NSCBN. NCSBN reserves the right to terminate a project that is not completed within the agreed-upon timeframe.

Grant Process

Award Cycle

The JRC meets twice a year, in March and August. Typically, the agenda for each meeting includes the review of proposals, presentations of completed research, updates on in-progress research, discussion of future research topics, discussions on how to solicit future research and plans for future meetings.

To have your proposal considered, it should be submitted by **February 1** for the spring funding cycle or **July 1**

reviewers will consider the qualifications, including training and experience, of:

- the principal investigator(s);
- key project personnel; and
- any proposed consultants or subcontractors.

Submission Instructions

Electronic Submission

All proposals must be sent via e-mail as Microsoft Word documents or Adobe pdf files to toneill@ncsbn.org. Proposals submitted in paper format will not be accepted.